

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A wall patch, comprising:
 - 5 a substantially planar body;
 - an adhesive located on a first surface of the body;
 - a ready-to-paint second surface of the body; and
 - an aperture in the body.
- 10 2. The wall patch of claim 1 wherein the body further comprises a perimeter having a feathered edge.
3. The wall patch of claim 1 wherein the ready-to-paint outward surface comprises a texture.
- 15 4. The wall patch of claim 1 wherein the body is formed from a tear-resistant material.
5. The wall patch of claim 1 wherein the body is formed of
 - 20 biaxially oriented three-ply polypropylene film.
6. The wall patch of claim 1 wherein the aperture is an aperture sized to surround a wall-mounted element.
- 25 7. The wall patch of claim 6 wherein the wall-mounted object is selected from the group consisting of an electrical outlet element, a switch element, a thermostat element, a telephone element, a cable television element, and a networking connection element.
- 30 8. The wall patch of claim 1 wherein the aperture has a boundary defining an open area less than a wall open area defined by a wall hole.

10. The wall patch of claim 1, further comprising:
an aperture reinforcement at least partially surrounding the aperture.

5 11. The wall repair system of claim 10 wherein the aperture
reinforcement is constructed of rigid metal.

12. The wall repair system of claim 10 wherein the aperture
reinforcement is constructed of plastic.

10 13. A method for repairing a wall hole, comprising:
identifying a wall hole to be repaired by covering less than a total hole
area defined by the wall hole;
applying a wall patch over the wall hole, the wall patch having:

15 a substantially planar body,
an adhesive located on a lower surface of the body,
a ready-to-paint upper surface of the body, and
an aperture in the body having an aperture area less than the
wall hole area;
20 wherein the aperture of the wall patch partially covers the wall hole
without obstructing access to the wall element; and
painting directly over the wall patch.

25 14. The method of claim 13 wherein the wall patch is formed from
a biaxially oriented three-ply polypropylene film

15. The method of claim 13 wherein the wall patch comprises a
pre-textured rigid wall patch, and wherein applying a wall patch over the wall
hole comprises:

removing an upper surface of the wall around the wall hole in a shape corresponding to the shape of the rigid wall patch to a depth approximately equal to the thickness of the rigid wall patch to form a recessed area; and placing the rigid wall patch into the recessed area.

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16. The method of claim 15 wherein the rigid wall patch has a substantially rectangular shape having four corners and wherein at least one of the corners is directed inwardly in the direction of a bottom surface thereof, the method further comprising:

10 forcing the inwardly directed corner of the rigid wall patch into the wall to secure the rigid wall patch over the wall hole; and
tracing an outline of the rigid wall patch along the wall to define the shape on the upper surface of the wall for removal.

15 17. The method of claim 15 wherein applying the wall patch over the wall hole comprises applying the wall patch over the wall hole such that a wall element can be accessed through the aperture.

18. The method of claim 15 wherein the wall hole has a wall
20 element mounted therein.